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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act.

The Administrator has received a complete application to renew National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0022675 from the following Applicant:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.
P.O. Box 29
Elko, Nevada 89803

The Applicant proposes to continue authorization to discharge treated groundwater withdrawn from mine dewatering wells to the Humboldt River via pipelines, lined canals, Whitehouse Ditch, and Rock Creek at a maximum rate of 110.0 million gallons per day (MGD) and a maximum thirty-day average of 100.8 MGD. The primary discharge point to the Humboldt River is located in Eureka County, approximately three miles west of Dunphy, Nevada. This discharge consists of groundwater that, after treatment to reduce the total dissolved solids, boron and fluoride concentrations and temperature, meets all appropriate Humboldt River drinking water, aquatic life and irrigation standards. Monitoring will continue to be required to ensure that the water in the Humboldt River is not degraded by this discharge. The Applicant has not discharged to the Humboldt under this permit since February 1999. The proposed permit will cover a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue the permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Note: This notice is for electronic distribution. The original notice is on file at the address shown on the letterhead.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
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All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days, by 5:00 P.M. December 21, 2001, will be considered in the formulation of final determination regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Bruce Holmgren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-4670, extension 3153, or at bholmgre@govmail.state.nv.us.